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SUBJECT: SAHEL GRAIN SHIPMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

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1. FAO/OSRO HAS REQUESTED FOLLOWING BE SENT AID/W.
2. OSRO 3064 OSRO SUGGESTS THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT CHANGE SCHEDULING CHARTER SHIPS AMERICAN CONDON AND JAMES.
3. CONCERNING MAURITANIA THERE ARE CURRENTLY 9500 TONS IN DAKAR PORT AND 14,600 ARRIVING IN SEPTEMBER AND 1000 ARRIVING IN OCTOBER IN ADDITION TO 5000 FROM CONDON/JAMES. GIVEN AVERAGE DAKAR TO ROSSO EVACUATION RATE OF 3,500 TONS PER MONTH AND THUS FAR UNRESOLVED ROSSO FERRY PROBLEM AS WELL AS AVERAGE INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION RATE OF ONLY 6500 TONS MONTH OSRO SUGGESTS THAT SHIPMENTS FOR MAURITANIA TO DAKAR BE DEFERRED TO POST DECEMBER ARRIVAL. DISCHARGES AT TEMA FOR UPPER VOLTA AND COTONOU FOR NIGER WOULD BE GOOD ALTERNATIVES.
4. CONCERNING CHAD CURRENT MAIDUTURI STOCKS 10,000 TONS PORT HARCOURT 7500 WITH ADDITIONAL 6000 ARRIVING SEPT. TOTAL 23,000 TONS AVAILABLE WHICH WILL AT BEST TAKE THREE MONTHS TO

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EVACUATE TO NDJAMENA. OSRO AWARE U.S. GOVERNMENT NEED TO

REIMBURSE CHAD FOR DIVERSIONS TO NIGER NONETHELESS SUGGESTS
DEFERRAL CHAD ARRIVALS NIGERIAN PORTS WITH POSSIBLE
CONSIDERATION DISCHARGING DOUALA AS LAST PORT OF CALL.

5. FURTHERMORE IN VIEW OSRO PREPLANNING PAPER IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW STATE 171883.VOLPE

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